



Sabine Neches Chiefs' Association Awards Lists (Last revised December 2025)

Year	Award	Name	Title	Agency
2025	Outstanding Member	Bobby Wiley		Golden Triangle Polymers (Chevron Phillips Chemical)
	Community Service Award	Claire Jackson		Motiva
2024	Distinguished Service Award	Tim Ocnachek	Chief of Police	City of Beaumont
	Community Service Award	Tommy Wells	Sr. Emergency Response Coordinator	Energy Transfer
2023	Outstanding Member	Pat Grimes	Honorary Member	Retired - Beaumont Fire Dept
	Special Recognition	Chief Eloy Vega	Fire Chief	Port Neches Fire Department
		Scott McDonald	Emergency Response Specialist, SR	BASF
		Shane Thomas	Fire Chief	Motiva Enterprises LLC - PAMC
		Brandon Pippin	Emergency Response Specialist	Indorama
2022	Distinguished Service Award – Outgoing President	Robert “Louie” Havens	Deputy Fire Chief	City of Port Arthur
	Outstanding member Award	Michelle Brewer		Jefferson County Long Term Recovery Group and SETX VOAD
2021	Retirement - Longest Standing Member since 1991	Chief David Frenzel	Fire Chief	City of Orange
	Special Recognition Award	Wayne McDaniel	Judge	Hardin County
	Plaquest given to each County	Aaron Tupper		
	and individual awards also	Sharon Whitley	Health Department	Hardin County
		Rejena Bolton		
		Chad Wilson		
		Jeff Branick	Judge	Jefferson County
		Michael White	Emergency Management Dir	Jefferson County
		Robert Grimm		
		Autumn Brown		
		John Gothia	Judge	Orange County
		Joel Ardoin		
		Robert Havens	Deputy Chief	Port Arthur Fire Dept
		Richard Malone		Port Arthur Fire Dept

		Dustin Lowe		Port Arthur Fire Dept
		Judith Smith		
		Latasha Mayon		
		Mark Allen	Judge	Jasper County
		Billy Ted Smith		Jasper County
		Mike Croaker		
		Trevor Jordan		
		Kenneth Coleman		
2020	Distinguished Service Award – Outgoing President	Charlie Kosh	Sr. Safety Advisor Contracts and Projects	Total Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.
	Community Service Award	Glenda Piazza		Beaumont Emergency Mgmt
	Outstanding Member Award	Jeff Branick		Jeff County Judge
		Mike White		Jeff County Dir of Emergency Mgmt
		Scott McDonald		Dir of TPC Safety (at the time)
		Paul Nelson		PN fire Chief
		Paul Lemoine		PN Police Chief
2019	Outstanding Member	Jeremy Hanson	US Coast Guard	US Coast Guard
	Outstanding Member	Tommy Wells		Sunaco energytransfer
2018	Outstanding Member	John Avery	Retired Asst Chief	Port Arthur Fire Dept
	Special Recognition Award	Carman Apple	TDEM	TDEM
	Special Recognition Award	Charles “Boo” Walker		
	Distinguished Service Award	Tim Ocnachek	Dir of Emergency Management	City of Beaumont
2017	Special Recognition Award	Lance Billeaud	Fireman	Groves Fire Dept
2016	Community Service Award	Kaylan Arendale		SETX Regional Planning Commission
	Outstanding Member Award - Golden Triangle Incident Management Team Recognition	Tim Ocnaschek		City of Beaumont
		Louie Havens	Asst Chief	City of Port Arthur Fire
		Sha Nobles		City of Beaumont
		Charlie Cox		
		Mike Custer		
		Richard Malone	Fireman	City of Port Arthur Fire
		Ricky Bodin	Fireman	City of Port Arthur Fire
	Distinguished Service Award	Chief Dale Jackson	Chief	City of Groves
2015	Community Service Award	Chief Bryant Champagne	Fire Chief	Vidor Fire/OCESD #1
	Outstanding Member Award	Robert “Louie” Havens	Asst Chief	PA Fire
		Sue Landry		SETX Regional Planning Commission
	Special Award	Mayor John Durkay	Mayor	

2014	Outstanding Member Award	Aleta Cappen	Seargant	Vidor Police Dept
		Stephanie Valka-Garsea	Public Relations Officer	Acadian Ambulance Service
	Community Service Award	Larry Richard	Fire Chief	Port Arthur Fire Department
	Distinguished Service Award	John Owens	Deputy Police Chief/EMC	Port Arthur Police Department
2013	Outstanding Member	Pat Grimes	Captain	Beaumont Fire/Rescue
		Ralph Valenciano	Emergency Response	Invista-Orange
	Community Service Award	Wilburn F . Lyons	Dept Chair, Public Safety	Lamar Institute of Technology
	Special Recognition Award	Captain Joe Paitl	Captain of the Port	USCG, MSU Port Arthur
2012	Outstanding Member	Jeff Kelley	Orange County EMS	Orange County
	Special Recognition Award	Matt Dulaney	Associate	Hegemeyr
		Tim Ocnaschek	Lt Beaumont PD/EMC	Beaumont Police Dept
		Robert “Louie” Havens	Captain/Asst EMC	Port Arthur Fire Dept
	Community Service Award	Terry Basham	Chevron Pipeline Safety	Chevron Pipeline
		John Owens	Deputy Police Chief/EMC	Port Arthur Police Dept
2011	Outstanding Member	Tim Ocnaschek	Lieutenant/EMC	Beaumont Police Dept
	Special Recognition Award	Robert W. Stegall	Port Security Specialist	USCG MSU Port Arthur
2010	Outstanding Member	Stephanie Garsea	Public Relations Officer	Acadian Ambulance
	Community Service Award	Stephen L. Curran	Fire Chief/EMC	Port Neches Fire Dept
	Special Recognition Award	Tommy Wells	Fire Chief	Sunoco Logistics
	Distinguished Service Award	Stephen L Curran	Fire Chief/EMC	Port Neches Fire Dept
2009	Outstanding Member	John Avery	Deputy Fire Chief	Port Arthur Fire Dept
	Community Service Award	Pat Grimes	Captain	Beaumont Fire/Rescue
	Special Recognition Award	John Owens	Deputy Police Chief/EMC	Port Arthur Police Dept
		Larry McBride	Fire Chief	Exxon Mobile
		Stephanie Garsea	Public Relations Officer	Acadian Ambulance
2008	Outstanding Member	Dale Jackson	Fire Chief	Groves Fire Department
		Roger Erickson	Meteorologist	National Weather Service – LC
	Community Service Award	Clem Paul Stinebrinkner	Firefighter	Beaumont Fire/Rescue
		Pat Grimes	Captain	Beaumont Fire/Rescue
	Special Recognition Award	Roy “Shane” Merriman	Associate	Martin Midstream – Beaumont
		Don Neumeyer	Associate	Martin Midstream – Beaumont
	Distinguished Service Award	Jeff Bolton	Hazmat	Motiva
2007	Outstanding Member	David Frenzel	Fire Chief	Orange Fire Dept
		John Owens	Deputy Police Chief/EMC	Port Arthur Police Dept
2006	Outstanding Member	Sharon K Richey	Captain	United States Coast Guard
		Sue Landry	Homeland Security Director	SETX Regional Planning Commission
		Robert W. Stegall	Planning Director	United States Coast Guard
2005	Outstanding Member	Darlene Koch	Deputy EMC	Jefferson County Emergency Mgt

2004	Outstanding Member	Stephen L Curran	Fire Chief/EMC	Port Neches Fire Dept
2003	Outstanding Member	Vernon Pierce	Customer Service	Entergy
		Bobby Lane	Sales Representative	Draeger
2002	Outstanding Member	Clay Kennelly	Reginal Liasson Officer	Texas Dept of Emergency Mgt
2001	Outstanding Member	Jeff Bolton	Hazmat	Motiva
2000	Outstanding Member	Jim Stehle	Safety	Dupont Beaumont Works
1999	None			
1998	Outstanding Member	Harold Burleigh	Safety	Dupont Orange
		Herb Conway	Safety	Temple Inland – Evadale
1997	Outstanding Member	Ken Doise	Fire Chief/EMC	Port Neches Fire Dept
1996	Outstanding Member	Brian Schmidt	Safety	Exxon Mobile
1995	Outstanding Member	Lynn Baldwin	Fire Chief	Star Enterprises
1994	Outstanding Member	Butch Landry	Security	Chevron
1993	None			
1992	None			
1991	Outstanding Member	Mike Lovelady	Fire Chief/EMC	Nederland Fire/Rescue
1990	None			
1989	Outstanding Member	John Paul Feeley	Fire Chief	Vidor Volunteer Fire Dept
		Ed Harris	Fire Chief	Quantum
1988	Outstanding Member	Bill Roe		Southern Union Gas
		Max Sears		
1987	Outstanding Member	John B. Judice	Fire Chief	Fina Refinery
1986	None			
1985	Outstanding Member	Robert J. Wood	Fire Chief	Gulf Oil Company
1984	Outstanding Member	Chuck Wheeler		Beaumont Fire/Rescue
		Joe Willey	Instructor	Lamar University
1983	Outstanding Member	Dick Nugent	Regional Liasson Officer	Jeff County Emergency Mgt
		Ray Broussard	Meteorologist	National Weather Service – LC
1982	Outstanding Member	Tommy May	Captain	Beaumont Fire/Rescue
1981	Outstanding Member	Don Golaskensky	Father	PAFD Chaplin
		Dale Harris		
1980	Outstanding Member	Dennis Bruce	Fire Chief	Mobile Chemical L & A
		George Duplant		Texaco
1979	Outstanding Member	John Parsons		Beaumont Police Dept
		Grady Baldwin	Safety	Dupont Orange
1978	Outstanding Member	D. J. Blanchard	Firefigther	Griffin Park Fire Dept
		Frank Davidson		Owen Illinois
1977	Outstanding Member	Jerry Wimberly	Fire Chief	Orange Fire Dept

1976	Outstanding Member	Robert N. Whitehead	Safety	Firestone
1975	Outstanding Member	J. K. McGrew		Gulf Oil Company
1974	Outstanding Member	Sawyer Waltson		Jefferson County Civil Defense
1973	Outstanding Member	Jack J. Dorgan	Safety	Jefferson Chemical
		Dennis Mitterlehner		
1972	Outstanding Member	Les Jones	Officer	Orange Police Dept
		Nick Hill		Beaumont Fire/Rescue
1971	Outstanding Member	Gerald Y. Russel	Officer	Fina, Groves Police Dept
1970	Outstanding Member	C. A. (Pete) Shelton	Fire Chief	Beaumont Fire/Rescue
1969	Outstanding Member	Jim Harrington	Fire Chief	Port Neches Fire Dept